huge out-go of foreign exchange, a Committee was set up to go into the modalities of leasing. After the receipt of the report of the Committee and its examination, Government's approval was accorded to Indian Airlines on the 15th of January 1988, for leasing 5 aircraft. There has been no avoidable delay in according Government approval.

Development of National Highway by Asian Development Bank

1023. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has showed interest in developing some national highways in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The development of following National Highway works have been projected to them for loan assistance:

(i) Four laning the National Highway No. 2 from Ballabgarh to Mathura (111 Kms.) in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

(ii) Four laning National Highway No. 5 from Anakapally, to Vishakhapatnam (40 Kms.) and improvement of Anakapally byepass (6 Kms.) in Andhra Pradesh.

Easing of Travel Restrictions between India and Pakistan

1024. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received suggestions from some Travel Agents Associations to ease travel restrictions between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Under the existing Tourism Protocol between India and Pakistan all ground arrangements for organised groups have to be handled by India Tourism Development Corporation (I.T.D.C.) and Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (P.T.D.C) depending upon whether the tourist is from Pakistan or India. In June 1988 the Indian Association of Tour Operators held their Annual Convention in Lahore which was hosted by the Travel Agents Association of Pakistan. The two major recommendations of the Conference were as under:-

(i) Liberal grant of visa to Indians and Pakistanis who wish to visit Pakistan and India respectively.

(ii) Group tourism now being handled exclusively by I.T.D.C. and P.T.D C. may also be allowed to be handled by recognised private operators and some of the restrictions should be reviewed.

Documentation of the Art Treasures

1025. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to complete documentation of the art treasures held by various museums and for the compilation of a bibliography of all the publications relating to museums in the country for the benefit of research scholars and the general public; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the Constitution of